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Kansas City People Should Use Kansas City Products. Encourage Home Industries.

THE THIEF CLEVER.

A PORCH CLIMBER WHO KNOWS HIS CALLING.

MISS ASKEW'S EXPERIENCE.

LAY IN BED AND HEARD HIM RAN-SACK A ROOM.

Then, Ill as She Was, She Gave the Alarm and the Thief Sped Out and Down—Chief of Police Hayes Issues a Warning.

Miss Pease Askew, daughter of Wilson Askew, president and treasurer of the Askew Saddlery Company, was lying on a bed, ill, in her upstairs room of the Askew home, at 1103 Brooklyn avenue, Tuesday evening. A gas lamp was lighted on a stand at the head of the bed and she was reading a newspaper. Her father and mother, one of her brothers and the servants were downstairs at dinner. She was alone upstairs. As she lay and read she became conscious of a noise in her father's room, which adjoined hers. Without stirring she listened for the noise, whatever it was, to be repeated. She heard it again, the faintest kind of a noise, like some one moving about stealthily. Then there was a dead silence of a few moments and again a noise, this time like the scratching or twisting of a misfit key in a lock.

The young woman knew that the family and servants were downstairs. Then who could this be who was moving about in the next room? It must surely be her mother, she thought, who had come upstairs quietly for something in Mr. Askew's room. Miss Askew called:

"Ma!"

There was no answer, but the muffled noise in the next room ceased. Miss Askew's call was not loud, because she had been sick, and was a little weak and nervous.

Still lying on the bed, with the newspaper held up before her, and her eyes on the door of her room, which was wide open, so that she could see into the hall, she listened for an answer. She was about to call to her mother again, when, from behind the side of the door, she saw the front brim of a black slouch hat move slowly out for a couple of inches and then stop. The young woman did not move a muscle. The mystery of that black hat brim, tilted slightly downward, as if the head behind it was bent forward and listening, too, fascinated her. Her gaze, as she watched with wide opened eyes, too frightened to stir, took in the whole of the doorway and a second after the hat brim showed itself she saw the toe of a shoe move out on the hall carpet a distance of about two inches. She observed every detail of the shoe tip as minutely as she had the big black hat brim.

She saw that it was a shoe too sharply pointed and polished or else was encased in leather, for it glistened in the gaslight. There the hat brim and the shoe point remained, immovable, for fully a minute while thoughts of burglars and murderers chased themselves through her mind. She knew that no one of the family or servants had such a hat, or would wear it in the house if he had. The strain of suspense and fright became too strong to be stood longer, and with a scream she threw the paper from her, sprang from her bed, leaped to the door, slammed it shut and shot the bolt into place.

She heard a tramp of feet through her father's room, a wild scramble through a window and across the yard and the sound of a body dropping on the ground outside and then footstep running down the sidewalk. She clung to the door, clenched fist against the panels of the bolted door and shouted for help.

At the dinner table the family heard the shouting and rushed upstairs. When Miss Askew heard their wondering voices in the hall she opened the door and told what she had heard and seen. The family went into Mr. Askew's room and found an open window through which the burglar had come in and gone out. The room is a large one, with a bay window across its east front and half way down its north and south sides. The burglar had climbed a porch post where he met and told every member of the family was at dinner and had raised the window and entered. He had taken out all of the drawers of the dresser and after ransacking them had piled them on Mr. Askew's bed. It was then that Miss Askew saw the hat brim and the shoe tip. Across the hall from Mr. Askew's room was the room of Mrs. Askew. She heard the noise, but when she returned had taken off her wraps hurriedly. Her rich sea-green robe lay on the bed, and she was in plain sight on her bureau. In a closet of her room was all of her wardrobe, very valuable and there was jewelry in a drawer of the bureau.

The thief would have got all of this if Miss Askew had not been upstairs. The family believes that the burglar heard Miss Askew call to her mother, but more certain about the noise and thought it best to listen at the door and make sure before entering the room to investigate. The police were notified yesterday morning by Mr. Askew, and the police have received several complaints in the last few days from people whose houses had been entered from the porch of the Askew home. Chief Hayes believes the same man did all of this work. Yesterday he issued a warning to the public to guard their houses against this industrious climber, who is almost certain to be heard from again soon.

NO RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION.

German-Americans Urged to Begin an Agitation Against a Bill to Come Before Congress.

A call has been made to all German-Americans to begin an agitation against the bill to come before congress for the restriction of immigration. Joseph Speyer, editor of the Kansas City Reform, a German paper, received yesterday a letter from Mr. E. Sommer, a German immigrant, who is among the most vocal of those who are against the bill. The letter stated that a similar one had been sent to the editor of every German paper in America, asking them to start the agitation against the passage of the bill and extend the movement among the German societies.

Editor Speyer will fight the bill. He says its passage would be a blow to the spirit of freedom in which this government was founded. He says the German and Irish immigrants are among the most useful that come here. They make good citizens and all who wish to come to America should be allowed to do so.

The Name Is a Great Secret. Members selected from the four literary societies of the Central high school are rehearsing the play which is to be given in the high school auditorium Christmas eve for charity. The name of the play is being kept a secret.

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THE TURKEY'S DREAM.



BUT "DREAMS GO BY CONTRARIES."

KANSAS FARMERS TO SUE.

Will Try to Prevent Colorado Companies From Diverting Water From the Arkansas.

Wichita, Kas., Nov. 24.—(Special.) Twenty-three farmers of Sedgewick county who live along the Arkansas river will bring suit against the Rocky Ford Irrigation Company, of Rocky Ford, Col., asking that an injunction be granted restraining the company from diverting the water from the river and thus damaging their farms. Representative Elias Rutledge, of this county, is at the head of the movement. He has, backed up by the other farmers interested, employed two attorneys from this city and also three from Colorado, one being an ex-congressman. By a special act of congress in 1886, Colorado people were given the privilege of using the water in the Arkansas river for irrigating purposes, but that act also required them to pay for any damage that might be occasioned by changing the channel of the river, or by diverting the flow of water. Several Eastern mortgage companies have signed their intention of giving money liberally for prosecuting the case. The suit will be filed in the United States court at Wichita and, if necessary, will be carried to the supreme court.

LANGTRY SELLS HER YACHT.

Although \$300,000 Had Been Expended Upon It, It Brought But \$25,000.

London, Nov. 24.—The yacht, White Lady, formerly the property of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, has been sold at auction for \$25,000. The vessel cost to build for Lord Ashburton (Francis Edward Baring), \$300,000, and Mrs. Langtry spent \$100,000 in decorating the yacht and her state boudoir suite. A few years ago Mrs. Langtry refused \$100,000 for the White Lady, and the vessel was chartered to the late Queen Olga of Greece. The yacht was about completed, Mr. Goswami, who had possession of the White Lady for about four years, is understood to have paid something like \$500 yearly for hire alone. Mrs. Langtry was anxious to sell the yacht, as she had no further use for it, but there were only two bidders and the White Lady was bought by Lawson Johnston, who some time ago purchased the Prince of Wales' yacht.

MR. AND MRS. RYAN IN TOPEKA.

Are Spending Thanksgiving at Their Old Home, the Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King.

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 24.—(Special.) First Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ryan and Mrs. Ryan, arrived from Washington this afternoon, to spend Thanksgiving. They are visiting State Librarian James L. King and wife. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. King are sisters. Mr. Ryan likes his new position very much, and says everything in the department is running along very smoothly. He complimented Webster Davis very highly. The assistant secretary and Mrs. Ryan will remain here until Sunday.

REICHSRATH RIOTING.

Austrian Statesmen Still Further Disgrace Themselves.

PITCHED BATTLE WITH FISTS.

SHOWER OF BILLINGSGATE, INSULTS AND CHALLENGES.

President Suspends the Sitting, Which Is the Signal for an Outbreak of the Wildest Disorder—Members May Be Arrested.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—The members of the lower house of the reichsrath today excelled themselves in producing the most disgraceful scene yet witnessed in that branch of parliament. The turbulence resulted from a motion that only one of a number of similar petitions against the ordinance making the Czech language co-ordinate with the German in Bohemia should be read and printed. This order of the government has been the basis of many uproarious scenes, which have been described in these dispatches for a number of weeks past, although the question of renewing the compact between Austria and Hungary, provisionally at least, has been mixed up in all the bitter fighting manifested by the German and anti-German elements. The members of the Left party protested vigorously to-day against the motion referred to, stigmatizing it as "oppressive and illegal." Finally the members of the lower house became so disorderly that the president of that body, Dr. Abrahamovics, was once more compelled to suspend the sitting, and he soon afterward left the house.

The departure of President Abrahamovics was the signal for a scene of the wildest disorder. Dr. Wolff, the German Nationalist leader, clambered up into the president's tribune, seized a heavy bell and swung it to and fro, materially increasing the disorder prevailing. The bell, however, was almost immediately wrested from Dr. Wolff's hand by Deputy Polek.

While this incident was in progress, challenges to fight duels and showers of billingsgate and insults were exchanged on all sides until the interior of the house resembled an inferno.

A number of young Czechs and Poles made a rush for the president's tribune and attempted to tear Dr. Wolff down from the position which he occupied, and they in turn were attacked by a number of Leftists, and a disgraceful scuffle was the result. This was only the beginning of the fighting. During the preliminary scuffling, some of the young Czechs struck Dr. Wolff, and this caused such an uproar that a regular pitched battle with fists followed, lasting for about a quarter of an hour.

Herr Schoencker, the leader of a section of the German opposition, caught hold of

and brandished over his head one of the minister's arm chairs, and was evidently about to hurl it at the heads of his immediate opponents when he was seized and disarmed by Herr Hagenhofer.

By this time the disorder was of such a nature that even the public in the galleries cried shame upon the fighting, swearing and insult-exchanging deputies.

A Polish member, Herr Polek, rushed upon another member, Herr Pferche, and was nearly strangling him, when Pferche, on the impulse of the moment, drew a penknife from his pocket and opened it, but he was disarmed by a colleague before any further harm was done. Herr Pferche was by that time so exhausted by the choking he had received at the hands of Herr Polek and was so overcome with excitement that he fainted, still further adding to the sensation.

At this moment, President Abrahamovics returned to the house, but after repeated and vain efforts to quell the disorder prevailing he closed the sitting of the house. In so doing, the president said:

"In view of the acts of violence which have occurred in the house to-day, I consider it my duty to close this sitting. Those members who are willing to give me the names of the violent members please come to my office."

Several members of the house accepted the invitation of the president, and as a result of the invitation, Herr Pferche, Herr Wolff and Herr Polek were arrested upon the charge of fighting in public.

The final draft of the Cuban paragraphs will be held open for alterations, dependent on the possible progress of events in the island. The president has not yet considered the reply to Spain's latest note and will probably delay an answer until after congress meets.

The present plan is to forestall congressional action by reporting that the negotiations with Spain are still in progress, with a promise that they will be communicated in full to congress when they approach completion or appear to have provoked a crisis. The president's message, as it now stands, calls the attention of congress to the fact that on March 4 Weyler was in command in Cuba, the pacifics were starving in the towns, the tobacco and sugar interests were paralyzed, and the situation was such as to justify immediate interference. The president points out the fact that by October 1, seven months after he assumed the duties of chief magistrate, Weyler had been recalled, the conditions of the pacifics materially bettered, the tobacco and sugar industries revived, over a score of American citizens released from prison, and a scheme of home rule promised Cuba.

Wants Congress to Wait. He recommends directly that congress should defer action to give the new Spanish government time to demonstrate its sincerity and ability to stop the war by peaceable means. The message as now prepared refers to the home rule scheme in definite terms. This is in response to a promise from Spain that a royal decree will be promulgated before congress meets, by which Spanish industries revived, over a score of American citizens released from prison, and a scheme of home rule promised Cuba.

Not an Attempt at Suicide. St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.—(Special.) Miss Lillian Callicotte, of Denver, the young woman who was found alongside the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs tracks, near Nodaway, some days ago, is slowly but steadily improving. It is now certain that she fell from the train accidentally, and did not attempt suicide.

GIVE SPAIN A CHANCE.

THAT IS PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S CUBAN POLICY.

WILL ASK CONGRESS TO WAIT.

WANTS TO SEE WHAT AUTONOMY WILL ACCOMPLISH.

Popular Indignation in the United States Is Feared—Spain Making the Most Vigorous Efforts to Buy the Insurgent Leaders.

A strong case is being made at the state department for submission to the president, when the reply to Sagasta is drafted. The thing which is worrying the administration is that the case may be made too strong. A resolution in congress to the extent to which the government of the United States has been used as a spy, poisoner and ally of Spain, their indignation will burst all bounds.

Information has been received at the state department from the new Spanish officials to the effect that the new Spanish officials have spent considerable money in the campaign of bribery and corruption. All the money in the military chest in Cuba has been spent on active military operations, but every cent that can be scraped together is being put into a huge corruption fund, to promote treachery among the insurgents.

Bribery Efforts Alarm Cubans.

Even the Spanish minister's secret service fund has been tapped, and the dollars saved by the discharge of Pinkerton detectives and Spanish-American spies in the cigar factories have been contributed toward the bribe. The Cuban leaders here are very much alarmed over this latest development. They say the insurgent leader who once in a while holds independent commands who might be tempted to surrender by a promise of pardon, coupled with a financial consideration. At the same time, they say that the principal leaders have already sworn to treat on any other basis than that of absolute independence, and they say that the insurgent leader who once in a while holds independent commands who might be tempted to surrender by a promise of pardon, coupled with a financial consideration. 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